

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (currently amended) An image file for storing a digital image and information related to ~~the~~ a digital image, including:
- a) digital image data;
 - b) a user identifier; and
 - c) affective information which relates to the feelings or emotions of the user toward ~~the~~ a digital image.
2. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the affective information further specifies the time or period within a range of times that the classification was performed.
3. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the affective information identifies the importance of the image.
4. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the image file further includes information related to the capture device.
5. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the image data is a JPEG compressed image data.
6. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the digital image file includes affective information and user identifiers for a plurality of users.
7. (original) A method for providing a retrieval scheme for stored digital images, using the image file of claim 6, comprising the steps of:
- a) a retrieval user providing a user identifier;
 - b) using the user identifier provided by the retrieval user to select, from the plurality of affective information, the particular affective information associated with the retrieval user; and
 - c) using the affective information to facilitate image retrieval.
8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the affective information identifies the importance of the image to a plurality of users.
9. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein the affective information is used to determine the order of presentation of retrieved images.
10. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the affective information is provided by monitoring the facial expression of the user.

11. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the affective information is provided by monitoring the physiology of the user.

12. (original) The image file of claim 1 wherein the affective information is provided by a user interface which enables the user to indicate important images.
